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SUBJECT: REACTION OF OAU STATES TO ETHIOPIAN
EXECUTIONS.

REF: STATE 261727

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO
NOVEMBER 30, I ASKED HIM FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF
CURRENT ETHIOPIAN SIAUTION AND WHETHER OAU CONTEM-
PLATING DEMARCH TO ETHIOPIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
2. ZERBO SAID THAT GOUV WAS VERY CNCERNED BY RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA. HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY
OFFICIAL DEMARCHE BY OAU BUT HAD HEARD THAT OAU SECGEN
IN RECENT SPEECH HAD APPEALED TO ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES
TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN DEALING WITH PERSONALITTIES
CONNECTED WITH FORMER REGIME.
3. WITH REGARD TO EMPEROR, ZERBO SAID IT WOULD
BE MADNESS FOR NEW ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES TO EXECUTE AN
OLD MAN WHO HAD PLAYED VITAL ROLE IN PAST ON INTER-
NATIONAL SCENE AND WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT
AFRICA. HE ADDED THAT IF EMPEROR WAS EXECUTED,
AFRICAN STATES WOULD INSIST ON TRANSFERRING OAU
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